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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant" W. Casey ✓

Examiner: Brittain

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Art Unit 3626

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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to an office action mailed 11/20/02 to which a response is due Feb. 20, 2002, please amend the referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. A rope cleat which comprises:

a base having a flat base surface;

an abutment means for gripping rope mounted on said base surface and having an abutment surface perpendicular to said base surface;

a first spindle having one end mounted on said base surface and extending perpendicularly away from said base surface.

a first cam rotatably mounted on said first spindle;

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said first cam having a first cam surface perpendicular to said base surface and convex toward said abutment surface;

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